

## REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in further response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2009, and the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed July 21, 2009, which set a one-month period for response, making this amendment due by August 21, 2009.

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application.

In the Notice, the response filed on April 29, 2009 was objected to as not fully responsive to the prior Office Action on grounds the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, with regard to claims 2 and 7 in the Office Action mailed October 2, 2008, have not been addressed, and on grounds the amendments to the claims did not correctly indicate the status of the withdrawn claims.

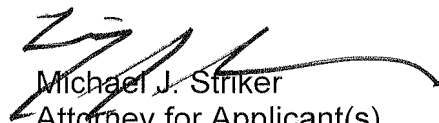
Therefore, in this response, the status indicators of the withdrawn claims have been corrected.

It is noted that claims 2 and 7 are not part of the elected claim group and therefore were not amended previously to address the Section 112 rejection. However, these claims are amended in this response to replace "fastening device" with "attaching device", although the claims are presently in withdrawn status.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would

very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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